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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: DOD Participation in the United States
Intelligence Board (USIB)

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for DCI action in paragraph 10.
2. We now have the DIA views on DOD participation in the USIB, contained in the memorandum for you from General Carroll dated 26 February 1964. I understand that this was cleared with Deputy Secretary Vance.
3. The proposals set forth in Carroll's memorandum seem entirely reasonable to me and are, I believe, consistent with your thinking.
4. I have talked to General Fitch to get further clarification of certain points in the memorandum, and he has also expressed his views as to timing, which are mentioned below in paragraph 8. With regard to paragraph 1c of DIA's memorandum, General Fitch says that the "appropriate USIB documents" on which the intelligence chiefs of the military departments would be able to express divergent or alternative views was meant to include only those documents "normally footnoted." General Fitch made a point of saying that they had no intention of opening up such a procedure to classes of documents for which footnotes would not normally be appropriate under existing circumstances. (This would mean generally NIEs, SNIEs and Watch Committee Reports.)
5. Paragraph 1e of the DIA memorandum refers specifically to the sanitization of certain categories of COMINT. General Fitch points out that it would be most cumbersome for DIA to be charged with administration of this process, which

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involves complicated judgments as to the need-to-know of various service elements. They therefore want to delegate this authority to the service intelligence chiefs. The same principle could probably usefully be applied to other categories of sensitive intelligence. [] is making a study of this and will consult further with DIA. The necessary DCID changes can be drafted by his office for ratification by you, with USIB concurrence.

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6. The DIA suggestion on committee memberships also seems sensible as a first step. After their recommendations have been received, it would then probably be desirable to consult with each committee chairman and to work out the final composition, with DIA concurrence, for your approval. In the meantime, the committees should continue to function as they are now doing.

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7. A suggested draft of a revision of NSCID 1, prepared by [] is attached. After your approval and notification to USIB, this can be distributed by Bromley Smith as Executive Secretary of the NSC.

8. A situation has developed which has a bearing on the exact timing of the announcement of the reorganization. It was evident at the end of today's USIB meeting that the service chiefs had been under the impression that this was to be their last meeting. Accordingly, they felt somewhat slighted by not having their faithful service adequately recognized. I discussed this with General Fitch and our recommendation is that the Board convene next week with its full membership as presently constituted and that at the meeting you announce the new ground rules, along with appropriate sentiment of appreciation.

9. It seems reasonable, as proposed by General Carroll, to leave the current distribution lists for USIB documents, particularly agendas, minutes and papers to be discussed, unchanged for the time being so the services will continue to receive them. On the other hand, [] has been considering the need for reviewing current distribution of USIB papers.

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with the objective of perhaps tightening it up. The various departments and agencies should, I think, be asked to undertake such a review.

10. It is recommended that:

a. You sign the attached memorandum to General Carroll, which expressed concurrence in his suggestions and which states that you will table all of this at the 4 March meeting.

b. You sign the attached note to Mr. Bundy.

c. You approve the attached draft of a revision of NSCID 1.

d. You instruct the Executive Secretary of USIB: to discuss with DIA the necessary DCID changes to reflect Carroll's suggestions in paragraph 1e of his memorandum and eventually to prepare the required new papers; and to obtain the views of the committee chairman on future service representation after receipt of DIA's recommendations on this matter.

e. You authorize to initiate a review of the distribution of USIB papers.

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(Signed) Thomas A. Parrott

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Attachments:

- 1 - Letter to General Carroll
- 2 - Memo to Mr. Bundy
- 3 - Suggested revision of NSCID 1

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